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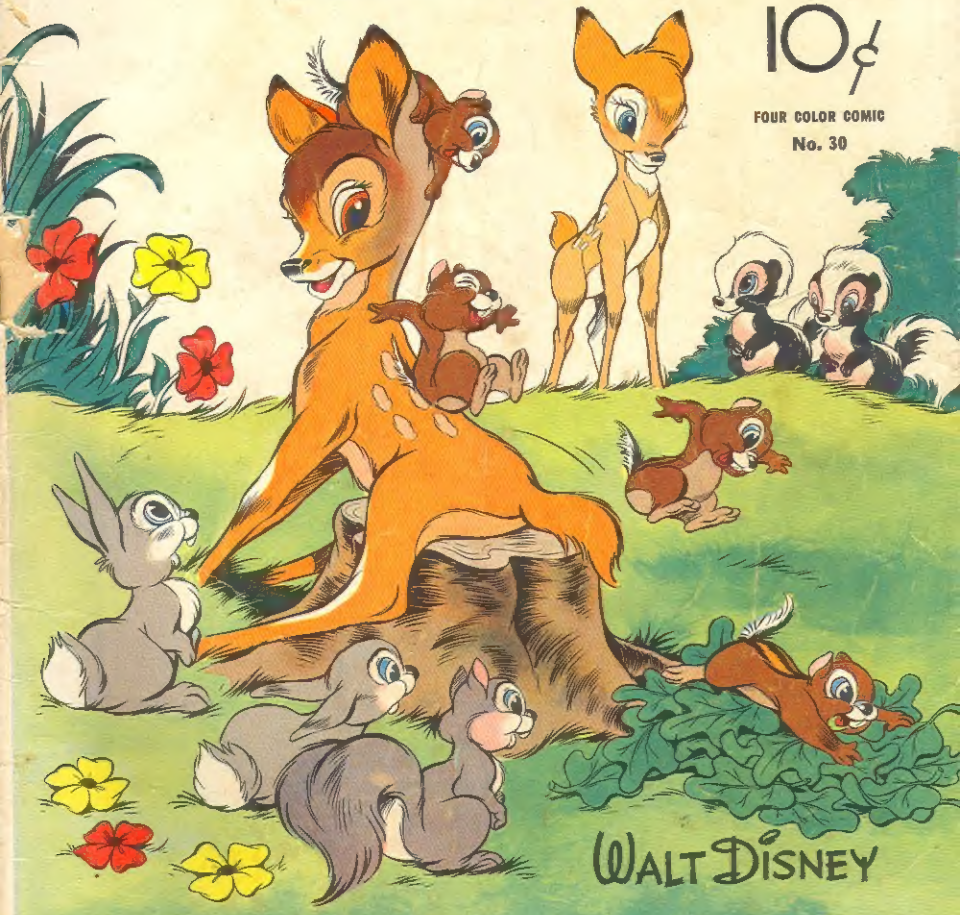

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Bambi's CHILDREN
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DEEP IN THE FOREST, GENO AND GURRI, THE CHILDREN OF BAMBI, ROMP HAPPILY UNDER THEIR MOTHER'S WATCHFUL EYES.
DON'T GO FAR AWAY, CHILDREN!
COME ON, GENO! I'LL RACE YOU TO THE BIG OAK!
RACE ME? WHY, I'LL GIVE YOU A GOOD START AND BEAT YOU, GURRI!
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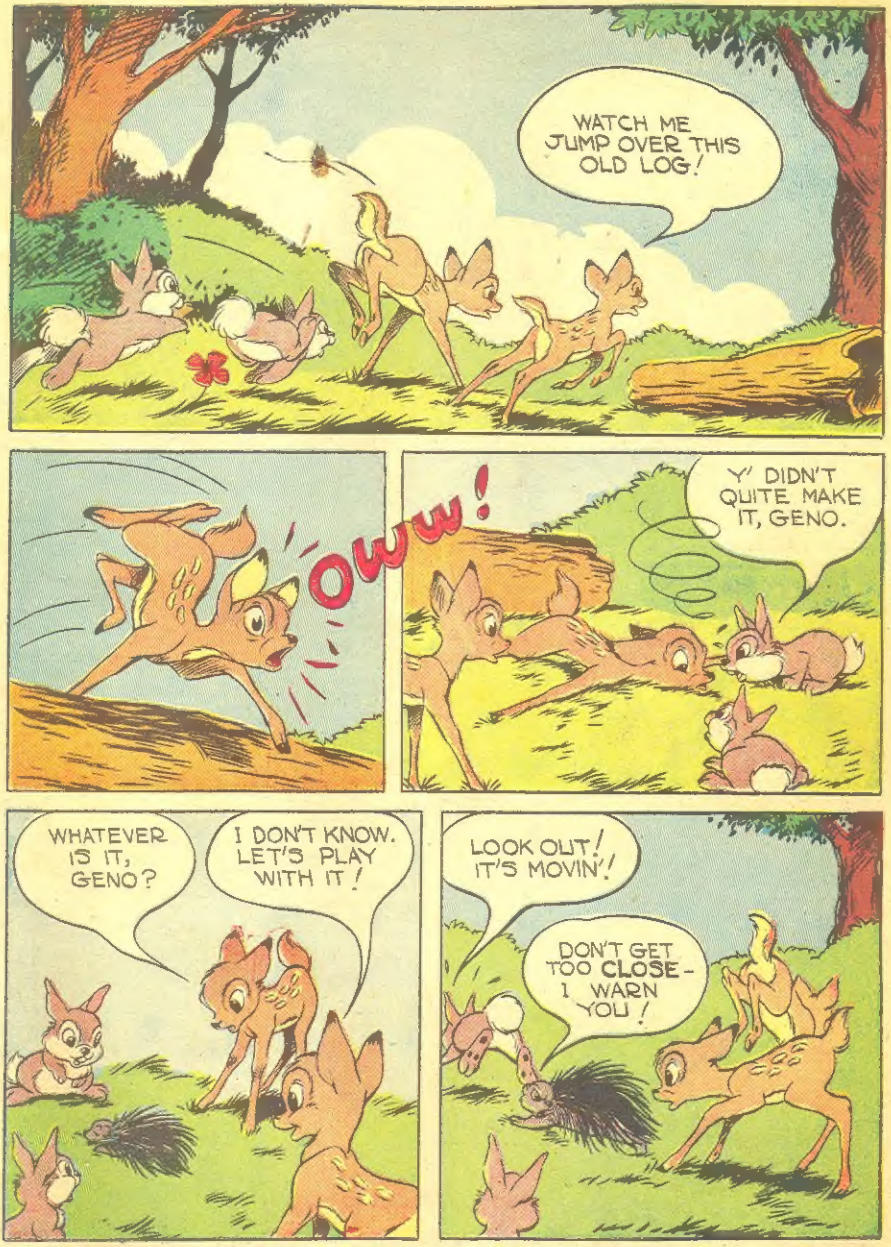
C'N WE GO, TOO, PAPA?
YES, BUT BE CAREFUL AN' REMEMBER WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER SAID!
THUMPER AND HIS CHILDREN, HOPPER AND PATTER, WATCH THE FAWNS AT PLAY.

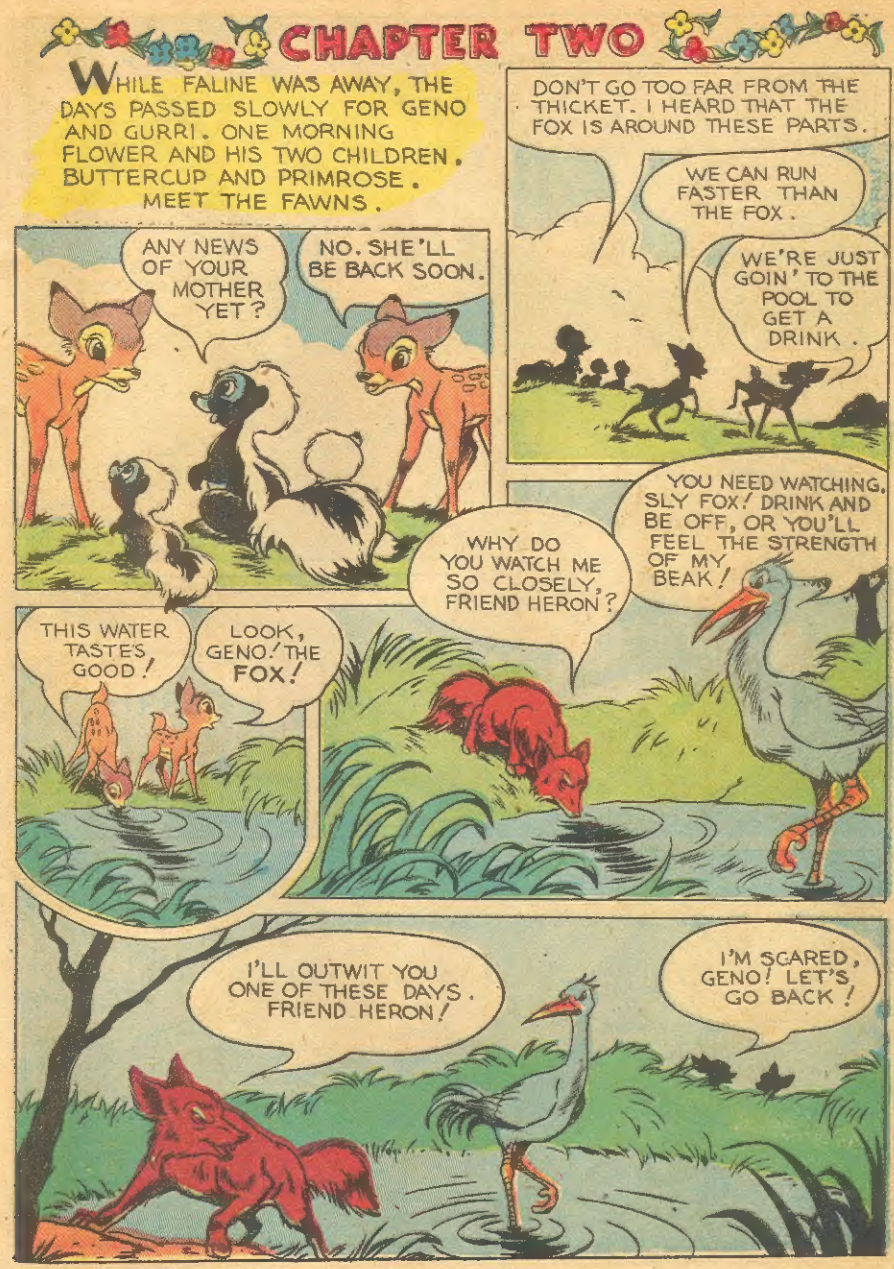
"DON'T TAKE CHANCES IS GOOD ADVICE. YOU MIGHT NOT LIVE TO TAKE 'EM TWICE---
---"BUT SOMETIMES THEY TURN OUT AWFUL NICE!"
MY FATHER MADE UP THAT LAST LINE ALL BY HIMSELF!
PRINCE BAMBI'LL SEE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN HIS CHILDREN WHEN HE COMES BACK, FALINE.
I'M AFRAID I SPOIL THEM, FRIEND OWL! BUT I CAN'T HELP IT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT 'EM, FALINE. THEIR FATHER WAS JUST THE SAME WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG FELLER, WASN'T HE, THUMPER?
YES... WE GOT INTO PLENTY OF MISCHIEF TOGETHER!


WATCH ME JUMP OVER THIS OLD LOG!
OWW!
Y' DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT, GENO.
WHATEVER IS IT, GENO?
I DON'T KNOW. LET'S PLAY WITH IT!
LOOK OUT! IT'S MOVIN'!
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE - I WARN YOU!

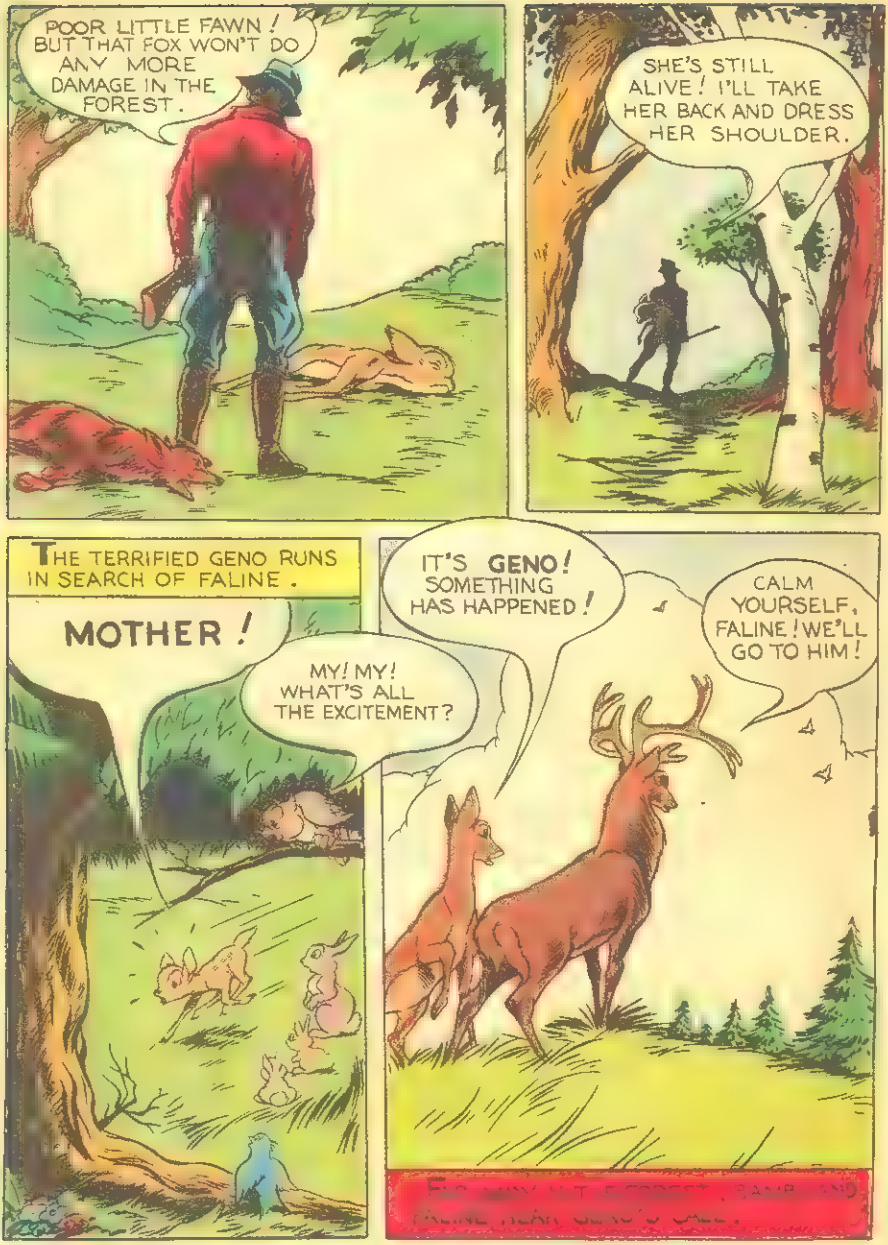
THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO BE INQUISITIVE!
OW-W! IT BIT ME!
HA-HA! YOU LOOK SO FUNNY, GENO!
WH-WHAT WAS IT, MOTHER?
THAT WAS A PORCUPINE, GENO. KEEP STILL WHILE I TAKE THESE QUILLS OUT OF YOUR NOSE!
WHY DON'T YOU PLAY WITH YOUR COUSINS, BOSO AND LANA?
YES, LET'S, GENO!
GENO WILL FIND OUT THAT EXPERIENCE IS A GOOD TEACHER!

HELLO, GENO!
I KNOW A GAME WE CAN ALL PLAY!
I DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU, GENO. YOU'RE JUST AN OLD SHOW-OFF!
WHY, BOSO!
NOW, BOSO, STOP QUARRELING WITH YOUR COUSIN GENO!
GENO THINKS HE'S IMPORTANT JUST BECAUSE PRINCE BAMBI'S HIS FATHER!
HEY, GENO! GURRI! LOOK!
HE'S BACK!
COME, CHILDREN!
IT'S FATHER!
BAMBI, PRINCE OF THE FOREST, VISITS HIS FAMILY.

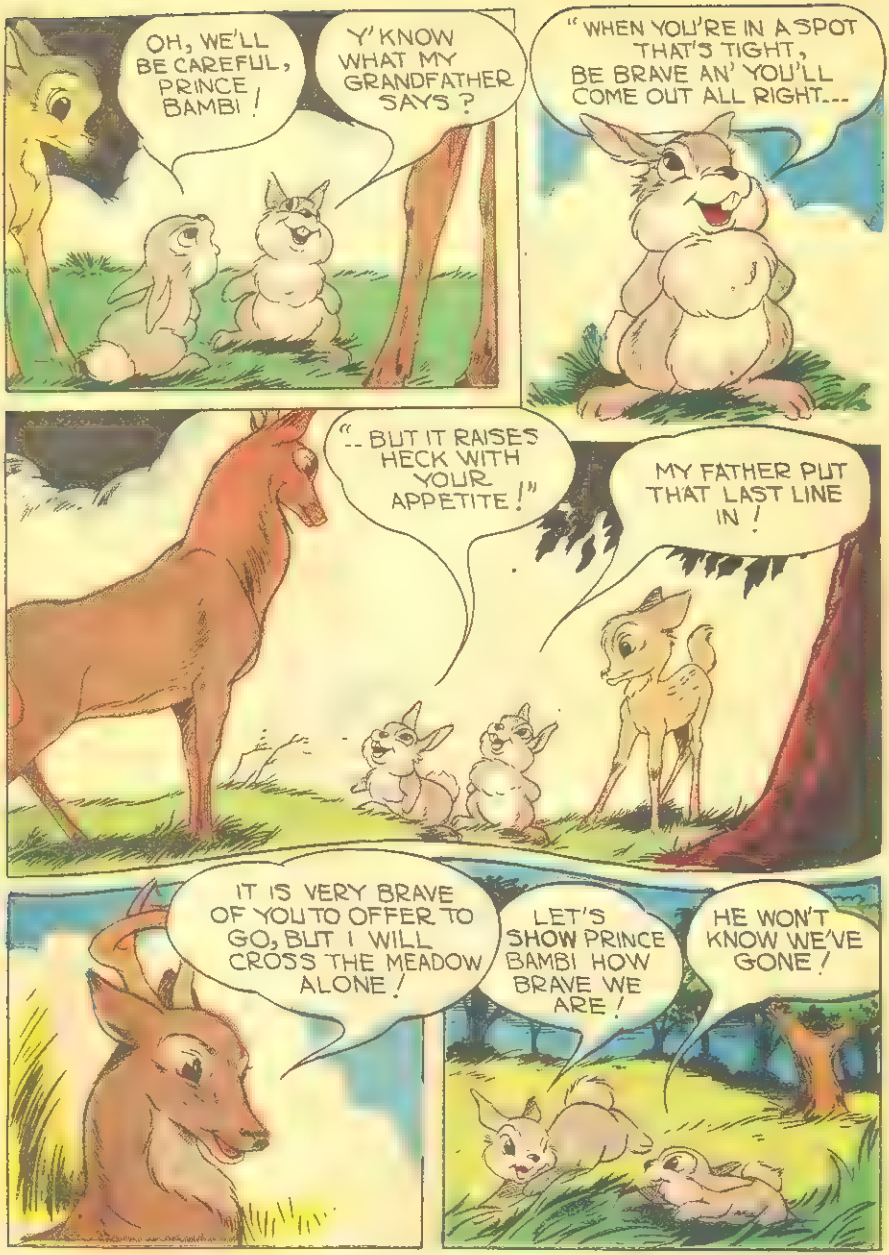
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEHAVED LIKE THAT TOWARD GENO, BOSO!
SOMEDAY I'M GONNA SHOW HIM I'M JUST AS GOOD AS HE IS, LANA!
FATHER!
TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES, FATHER!
ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY SON!
YOUR MOTHER IS COMING AWAY WITH ME FOR A SHORT WHILE. YOU MUST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES UNTIL SHE RETURNS.
YES, FATHER.
BE WATCHFUL AND CAUTIOUS AND, ABOVE ALL, BEWARE OF MAN! HE IS OUR MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY!
GOOD-BYE, CHILDREN! BE GOOD WHILE I'M GONE!
'BYE, MOTHER!

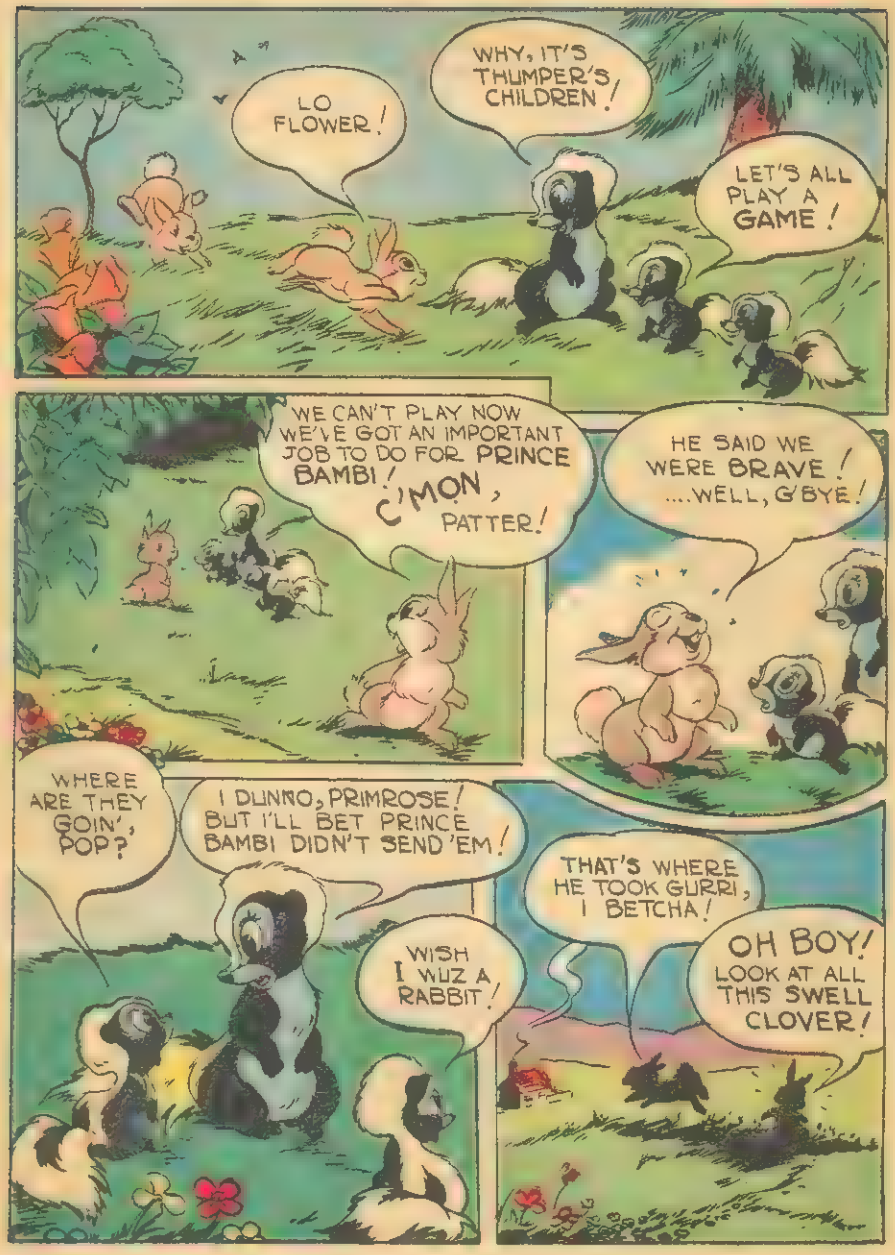

CHAPTER TWO
WHILE FALINE WAS AWAY, THE DAYS PASSED SLOWLY FOR GENO AND GURRI. ONE MORNING FLOWER AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, BUTTERCUP AND PRIMROSE, MEET THE FAWNS.
DON'T GO TOO FAR FROM THE THICKET. I HEARD THAT THE FOX IS AROUND THESE PARTS.
WE CAN RUN FASTER THAN THE FOX.
WE'RE JUST GOIN' TO THE POOL TO GET A DRINK.
ANY NEWS OF YOUR MOTHER YET?
NO. SHE'LL BE BACK SOON.
YOU NEED WATCHING, SLY FOX! DRINK AND BE OFF, OR YOU'LL FEEL THE STRENGTH OF MY BEAK!
WHY DO YOU WATCH ME SO CLOSELY, FRIEND HERON?
THIS WATER TASTES GOOD!
LOOK, GENO! THE FOX!
I'LL OUTWIT YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS, FRIEND HERON!
I'M SCARED, GENO! LET'S GO BACK!

HE WOULDN'T DARE ATTACK US!
BAMBI'S CHILDREN!- ALONE!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANY OLD FOX, GURRI!
OH-H!
GURRI!
BANG!
THE FRIENDLY GAME WARDEN ARRIVES JUST IN TIME TO SAVE GURRI!
MOTHER! HELP!


POOR LITTLE FAWN! BUT THAT FOX WON'T DO ANY MORE DAMAGE IN THE FOREST.
SHE'S STILL ALIVE! I'LL TAKE HER BACK AND DRESS HER SHOULDER.
THE TERRIFIED GENO RUNS IN SEARCH OF FALINE.
MOTHER!
MY! MY! WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT?
IT'S GENO! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED!
CALM YOURSELF, FALINE! WE'LL GO TO HIM!

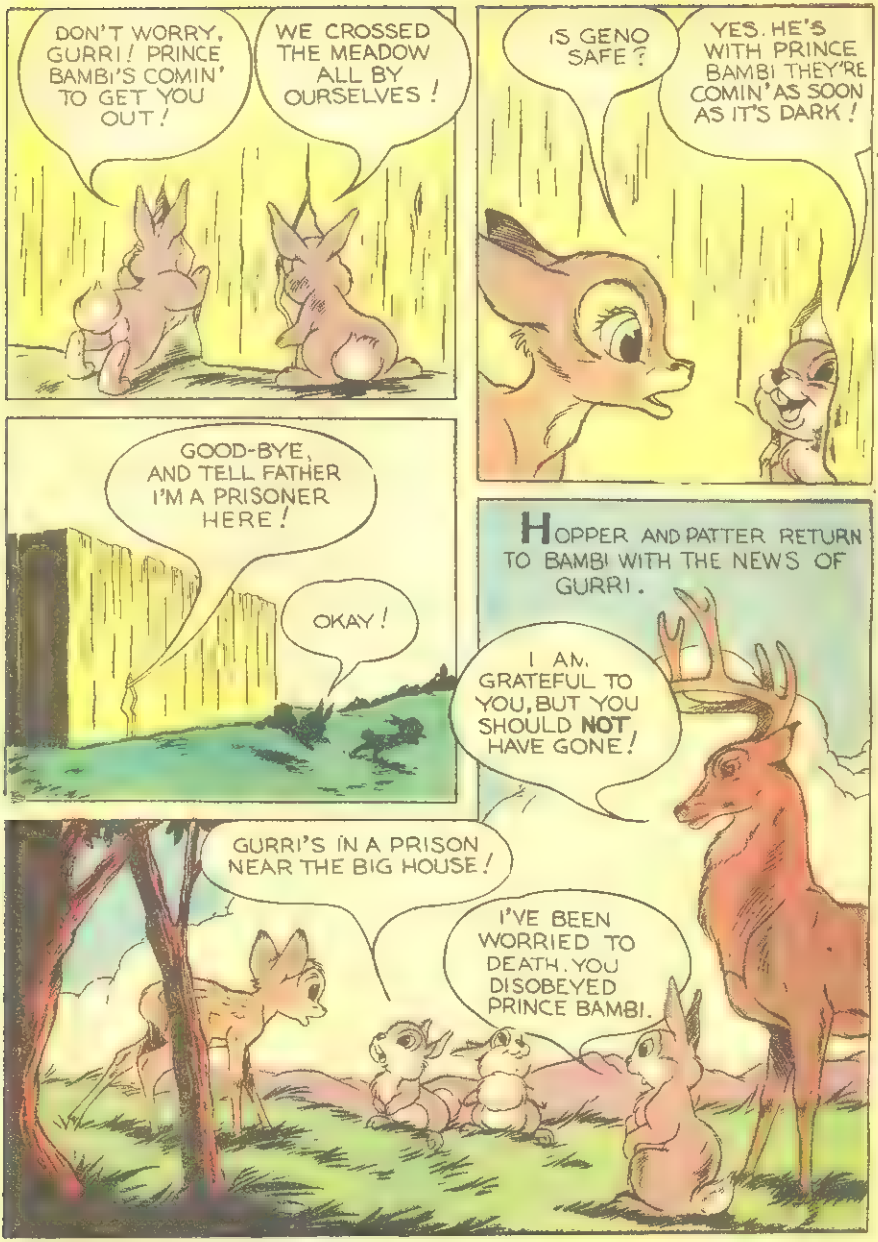
IT'S - IT'S GURRI! SHE'S BEEN CAPTURED BY MAN!
OH-H!
GENO, COME WITH ME!
HE TOOK HER ACROSS THE MEADOW, PRINCE BAMBI!
SHE IS HURT! BUT SHE IS STILL ALIVE!
THANK YOU, LITTLE FRIENDS. I WILL FIND HER.
NO! I CAN'T LET YOU RISK YOUR LIVES!
WE'LL GO AN' FIND OUT WHERE GURRI IS, PRINCE BAMBI!
WE C'N HIDE IN THE TALL GRASS!
THERE'S THE MEADOW, FATHER!
COME BACK, GENO! WE MUST KEEP TO THE COVER OF THE FOREST UNTIL DARK!


OH, WE'LL BE CAREFUL, PRINCE BAMBI!
Y'KNOW WHAT MY GRANDFATHER SAYS?
"WHEN YOU'RE IN A SPOT THAT'S TIGHT, BE BRAVE AN' YOU'LL COME OUT ALL RIGHT...
"...BUT IT RAISES HECK WITH YOUR APPETITE!"
MY FATHER PUT THAT LAST LINE IN!
IT IS VERY BRAVE OF YOU TO OFFER TO GO, BUT I WILL CROSS THE MEADOW ALONE!
LET'S SHOW PRINCE BAMBI HOW BRAVE WE ARE!
HE WON'T KNOW WE'VE GONE!

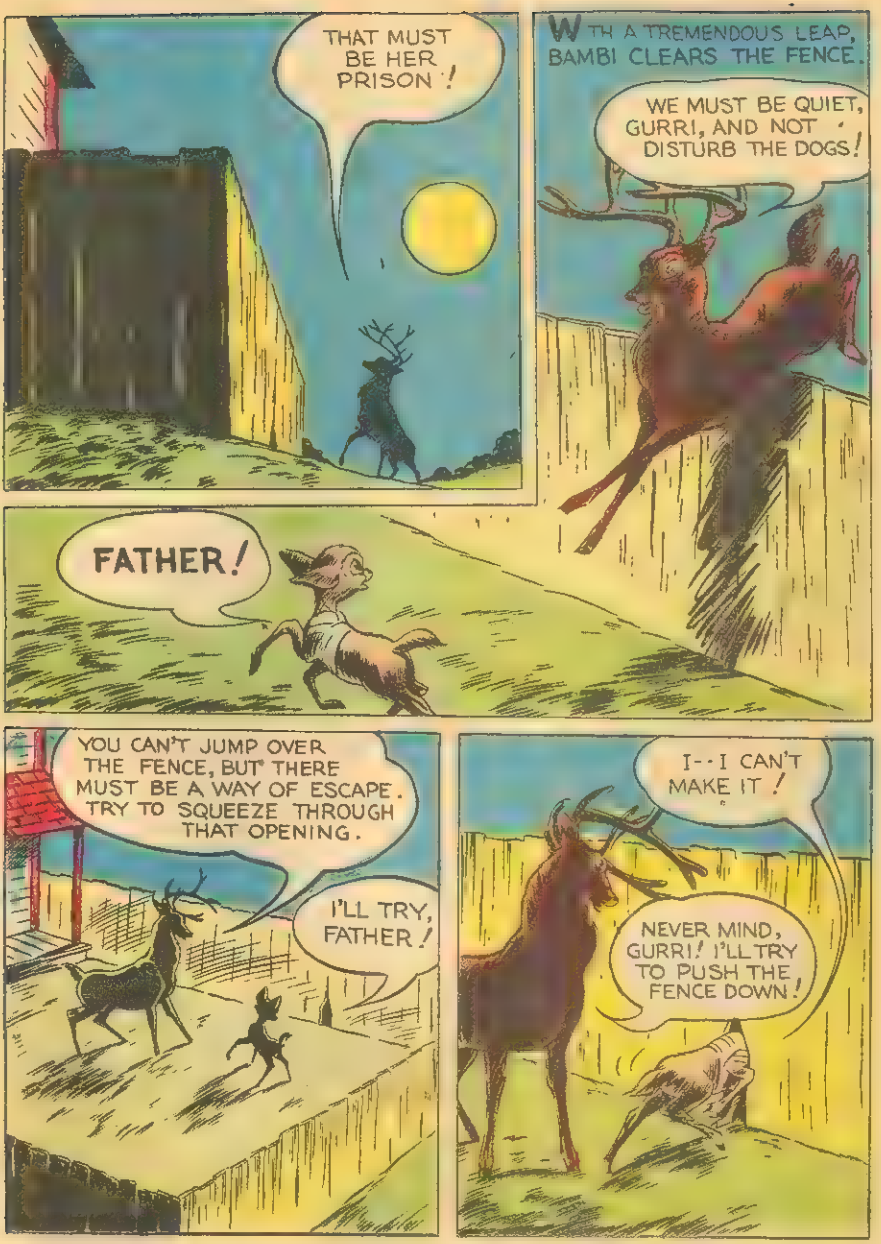

LO FLOWER!
WHY, IT'S THUMPER'S CHILDREN!
LET'S ALL PLAY A GAME!
WE CAN'T PLAY NOW WE'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT JOB TO DO FOR PRINCE BAMBI! C'MON, PATTER!
HE SAID WE WERE BRAVE! ....WELL, G'BYE!
WHERE ARE THEY GOIN', POP?
I DUNNO, PRIMROSE! BUT I'LL BET PRINCE BAMBI DIDN'T SEND 'EM!
WISH I WUZ A RABBIT!
THAT'S WHERE HE TOOK GURRI, I BETCHA!
OH BOY! LOOK AT ALL THIS SWELL CLOVER!

LIM-M! I NEVER TASTED SUCH CLOVER!
WE GOTTA KEEP TOGETHER, PATTER!
HE'S - HE'S GONE!
PATTER! OF ALL THE...!
HUH!?
THIS IS NO TIME TO EAT CLOVER! YOU KNOW WHAT GRANDFATHER SAID!
OH, HIM AGAIN... "WHEN A JOB IS ONCE BEGUN, STICK TO IT TILL IT IS DONE.---
"--- BUT EATIN' CLOVER'S A LOT MORE FUN!"

FATHER MADE THAT LAST PART UP HIMSELF!
NEVER MIND ABOUT THE LAST PART. WE GOT A JOB TO DO!
MEANWHILE, AT HIS LODGE, THE GAME WARDEN DRESSES GURRI'S SHOULDER.
THERE, THERE, LITTLE GIRL! YOU'LL SOON BE WELL!
BETCHA GURRI'S BEHIND THAT FENCE. WE'LL GO AN' TELL HER NOT TO BE AFRAID.
WE'RE AWFUL BRAVE, HOPPER!
HEY, GURRI! IT'S ME, HOPPER!
AND ME, TOO- PATTER!


DON'T WORRY, GURRI! PRINCE BAMBI'S COMIN' TO GET YOU OUT!
WE CROSSED THE MEADOW ALL BY OURSELVES!
IS GENO SAFE?
YES. HE'S WITH PRINCE BAMBI THEY'RE COMIN' AS SOON AS IT'S DARK!
GOOD-BYE, AND TELL FATHER I'M A PRISONER HERE!
OKAY!
HOPPER AND PATTER RETURN TO BAMBI WITH THE NEWS OF GURRI.
I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE GONE!
GURRI'S IN A PRISON NEAR THE BIG HOUSE!
I'VE BEEN WORRIED TO DEATH. YOU DISOBEYED PRINCE BAMBI.

THAT NIGHT
I WANT TO GO, TOO, FATHER!
NO, GENO! YOU MUST GO BACK WITH YOUR MOTHER. I WILL RETURN SOON.
COME, CHILDREN! TIME FOR BED. YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE DAY.
AW, GEE, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO BED, PAPA?
HO HUM! I'M NOT A BIT SLEEPY!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, BAMBI VENTURES FORTH FROM THE FOREST INTO MAN'S CLEARING.
THE WIND IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! THE DOGS WILL NOT PICK UP MY SCENT!


THAT MUST BE HER PRISON!
WITH A TREMENDOUS LEAP, BAMBI CLEARS THE FENCE.
WE MUST BE QUIET, GURRI, AND NOT DISTURB THE DOGS!
FATHER!
YOU CAN'T JUMP OVER THE FENCE, BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY OF ESCAPE. TRY TO SQUEEZE THROUGH THAT OPENING.
I'LL TRY, FATHER!
I--I CAN'T MAKE IT!
NEVER MIND, GURRI! I'LL TRY TO PUSH THE FENCE DOWN!

IT'S BREAKING, FATHER! IT'S BREAKING!
MAN IS COMING! I MUST GO!
HAVE PATIENCE, GURRI, AND DON'T GIVE UP! I WILL RETURN!

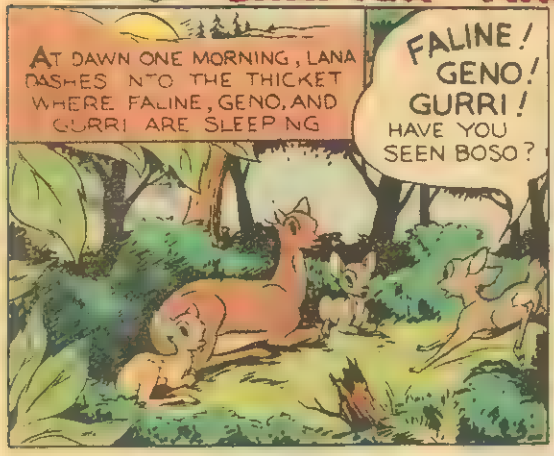
WHAT A BEAUTY! I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THAT ANYTHING ON FOUR LEGS COULD HAVE CLEARED THAT FENCE!
HE MUST'VE COME IN HERE TO GET HIS FAWN!
I'M GONNA LET YOU GO! YOU WOULDN'T LIVE LONG, IF I KEPT YOU A CAPTIVE. NOW YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR FAMILY.
I GUESS YOU WON'T NEED THIS BANDAGE ANYMORE
GOOD LUCK! AN' NEXT TIME KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE.
FATHER! FATHER! I'M FREE!

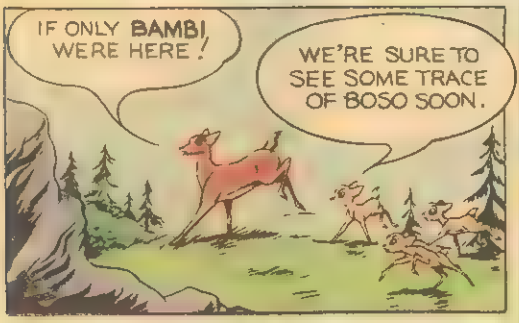
GURRI! HOW DID YOU ESCAPE?
MAN SET ME FREE!
I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW, GURRI. HURRY BACK TO YOUR MOTHER AND GENO TO TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS!
EH? WHAT? WHY WASN'T I TOLD BEFORE!
WAKE UP, FRIEND OWL! GURRI'S BACK!
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!
GURRI'S COME BACK!
WHERE IS SHE?

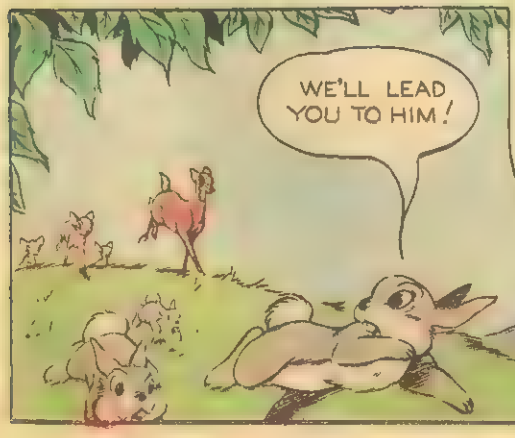
I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE BACK, GURRI!
TELL US AGAIN HOW YOU ESCAPED.
MAN SET HER FREE!
WE HELPED, TOO!
PRINCE BAMBI SAID WE WERE BRAVE!
WISH I WUZ BRAVE!

MAN IS A MIGHTY STRANGE CREATURE. HE IS OUR BEST FRIEND AND OUR WORST ENEMY!
AW, THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME, FRIEND OWL!
WHERE'S YOUR RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS, YOUNG FELLER?
YOU SHOULDN'T CONTRADICT FRIEND OWL, PATTER. YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER SAID!
"YOUNG FOLKS SHOULD B'LIEVE WHAT THEY ARE TOLD, AN' NEVER ARGUE OR ACT BOLD.---
"--I'LL SURE BE GLAD WHEN I GROW OLD!"
MY FATHER MADE THAT LAST LINE UP, DIDN'T YOU, PAPA?
C'MON, CHILDREN. WE MUST GO HOME!
I LIKE STAYIN' HERE WITH GENO AN' GURRI!
TODAY'S BEEN FUN!
GOOD-BYE, AND THANK YOU ALL.

CHAPTER THREE


AT DAWN ONE MORNING, LANA DASHES INTO THE THICKET WHERE FALINE, GENO, AND GURRI ARE SLEEPING
FALINE! GENO! GURRI! HAVE YOU SEEN BOSO?





THERE HE IS!
HE'S CAUGHT IN A SNARE!
HELP ME! QUICK! I-I'M CHOKING!
IT'S TOO STRONG AND TIGHT! I CAN'T BREAK IT LOOSE!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
I SMELL THE SCENT OF MAN! RUN, CHILDREN, OR WE'LL BE CAUGHT, TOO!
BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE BOSO!
WE'LL COME BACK TO HIM, GENO, WHEN MAN GOES!
WHAT'S THIS? A SNARE! THAT POACHER'S BEEN AT WORK AGAIN!

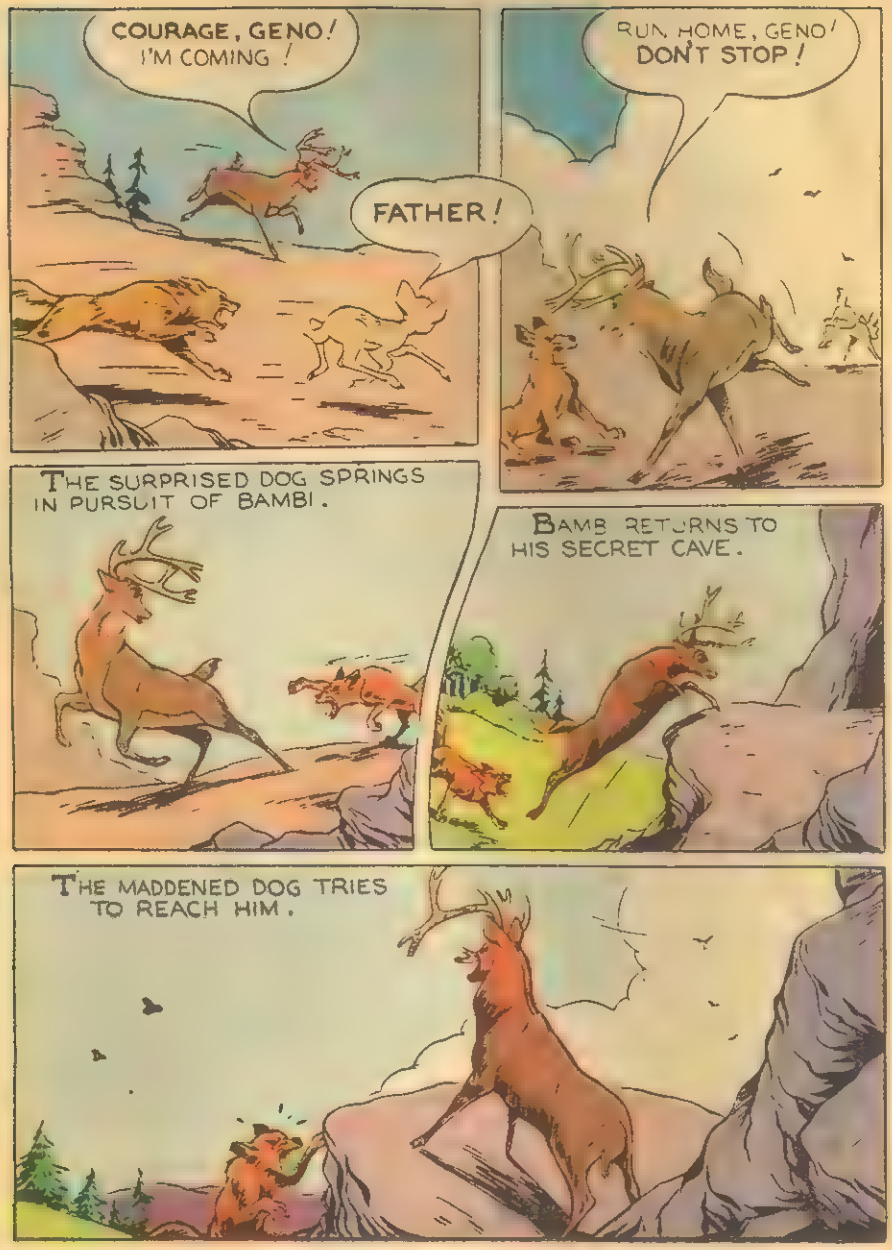
TAKE IT EASY, YOUNG FELLOW! I'LL SOON SET YOU FREE.
MAN IS FREEING BOSO!
HE'S THE SAME MAN WHO HELPED ME!
GET GOIN', YOUNGSTER! I'LL STAY AROUND A WHILE.
OH, BOSO, YOU'RE SAFE!
MAN DIDN'T HARM ME! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
QUIET, CHILDREN! MAN IS STILL THERE!
I HEAR FOOTSTEPS!
SH-H-H!

HE OUGHT TO BE ALONG SOON TO LOOK AT HIS TRAP
SO YOU SET THIS SNARE ! I'VE BEEN WAIT NG FOR YOU!
BUT--I--
GET GOING! I'VE HAD ENOUGH POACHING IN THIS FOREST! I'M GOIN' TO LOCK YOU UP FOR A WHILE WHERE YOU CAN'T DO ANY HARM.
MAN IS GONE! WE CAN MOVE NOW. COME, CHILDREN.
MAN POINTED THE THUNDERSTICK AT MAN! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WHAT HAPPENED, PAPA? WHY DID MAN...?
DON'T ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS, HOPPER. REMEMBER WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER SAID.
YES, I KNOW. "MAN IS A STRANGE CREATURE WITH WAYS HARD TO EXPLAIN, . . SO THE WISE THING TO DO IS TO AVOID HIS DOMAIN."
"BECAUSE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM IS AN AWFUL BIG STRAIN.." YOU MADE UP THE LAST LINE, YOURSELF, PAPA.

GOOD MORNING, FRIEND OWL. WHY AREN'T YOU SLEEPING?
I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR YOU, TO WARN YOU. A WILD DOG IS PROWLING THE FOREST.
A WILD DOG! WHAT IS THAT? I THOUGHT ALL DOGS WERE WILD.
SOME DOGS ARE TAME, GENO. THIS DOG WAS ONCE. HE HAS RUN AWAY FROM HIS HOME IN THE VILLAGE AND TURNED INTO A KILLER. HE IS AS DANGEROUS AS MAN.
THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING, FRIEND OWL. WE MUST GO HOME NOW TO SLEEP, CHILDREN.
GOOD-BYE, BOSO AND LANA.
GOOD-BYE. WE'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT IN THE MEADOW.
I'M SO GLAD YOU ARE SAFE, BOSO! DON'T WANDER OFF THE PATH AGAIN!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY MAN DID WHAT HE DID.
LOOK! THE WILD DOG!
RUN, LANA! QUICK!

FASTER, LANA!
IN HER FRIGHT, LANA TAKES THE WRONG PATH AND IS SEPARATED FROM BOSO.
WHAT'S THAT ?
SAVE ME! THE WILD DOG!
STAND STILL, ALL OF YOU! I'LL LEAD HIM AWAY.

SPURRED BY MINGLED FEAR AND BRAVERY, GENO TURNS AND RUNS. THE WILD DOG FORGETS THE OTHERS AND FOLLOWS HIM.
POOR GENO!
HE'LL BE KILLED!
HE'S A REAL PRINCE! THE BRAVE SON OF A BRAVE FATHER!
HELP! HELP!
IN HIS SECRET HILLSIDE CAVE, BAMBI HEARS GENO'S CRY FOR HELP.
BAMBI RACES TO THE AID OF HIS SON.

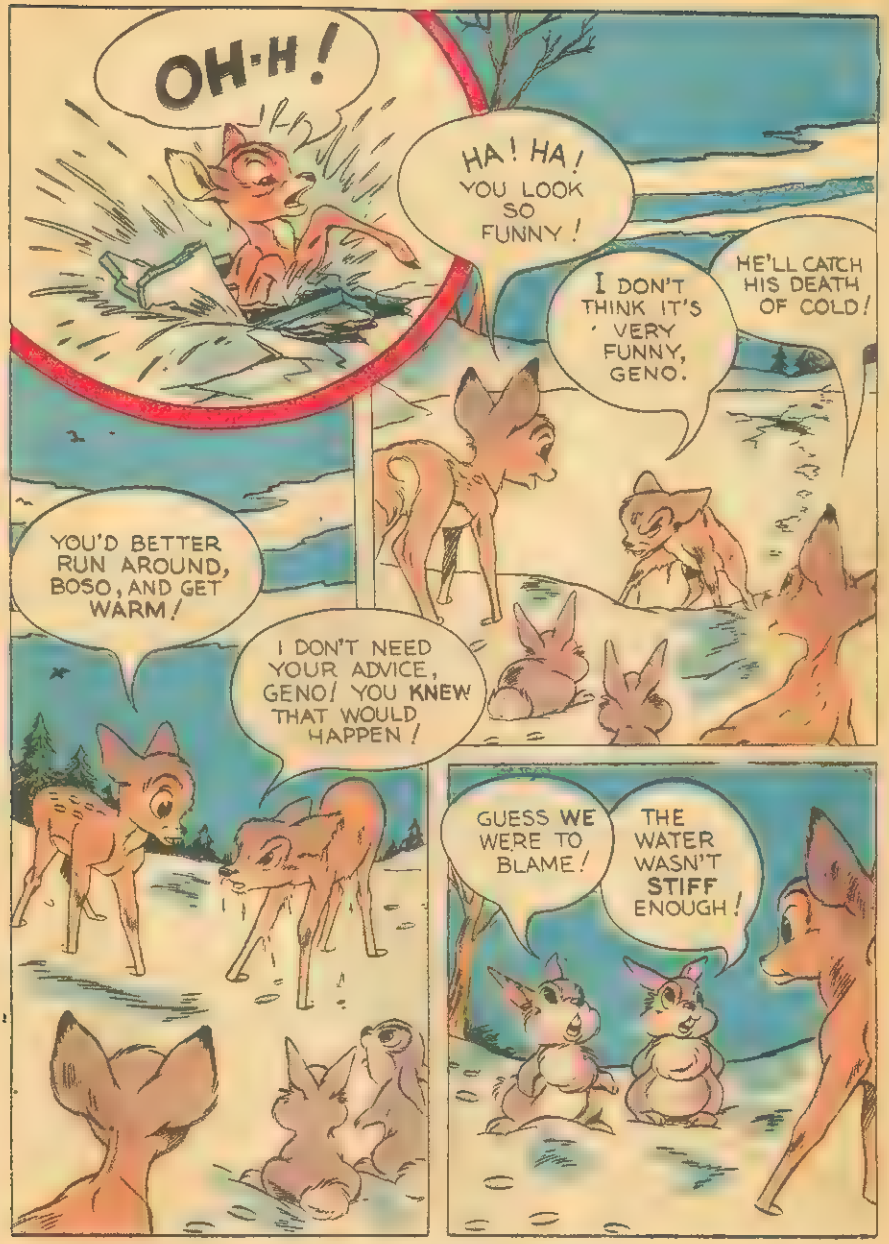

COURAGE, GENO! I'M COMING!
FATHER!
RUN HOME, GENO! DON'T STOP!
THE SURPRISED DOG SPRINGS IN PURSUIT OF BAMBI.
BAMB RETURNS TO HIS SECRET CAVE.
THE MADDENED DOG TRIES TO REACH HIM.

THERE'S THAT KILLER DOG! AFTER A BUCK, TOO!
A FEW BUCKSHOT'LL TEACH HIM TO LEAVE THE DEER ALONE!
BANG!
THE EXHAUSTED GENO RETURNS TO THE THICKET.
MY BRAVE SON!
YOU SAVED US, GENO!
AND FATHER SAVED ME!
BAMBI!
MAN HAS COME TO OUR AID AGAIN. HE HAS DRIVEN THE WILD DOG FROM THE FOREST.
MAN IS A STRANGE CREATURE. HIS WAYS ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND. SOME MEN DESTROY. OTHER MEN SAVE. THIS MAN IS OUR FRIEND.

CHAPTER FOUR
WINTER CAME TO THE FOREST WITH THE FIRST FALL OF SNOW.
WHAT'S ALL THIS WHITE STUFF, FRIEND OWL?
THAT'S SNOW, SON! IT COVERS THE WHOLE FOREST.
C'N Y'EAT IT ?
UMMM! IT TASTES JUST LIKE WATER!
LET'S GO AN' SEE BAMBI'S FAMILY!
WHY IS THIS SNOW STUFF SO COLD, PAPA ?
IT DOESN'T TASTE AS GOOD AS CLOVER!
HOW DO Y'LIKE THE SNOW, FLOWER ?
IT'S TERRIBLE, THUMPER! FOOD WILL BE HARD TO GET FROM NOW ON.
I LIKE IT!
LOOK! IT MAKES FOOTPRINTS!

THE SNOW'S GETTING DEEPER, MOTHER!
I DON'T LIKE EATING MOSS - IT'S BITTER!
WE MUST BE THANKFUL FOR ANYTHING TO EAT, GENO. EVEN MOSS WILL BE SCARCE BEFORE THE WINTER'S OVER!
HELLO, THUMPER!
CAN WE GO AN' PLAY WITH HOPPER AND PATTER, MOTHER?
DON'T GO TOO FAR, CHILDREN!
WE WON'T!
WE KNOW WHERE THERE'S SOME SWELL FERNS!
THERE'S LANA AND BOSO! LET'S ASK THEM TO COME, TOO!
WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME FOOD! COME ON!
THERE'LL BE ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US!

SEE! THERE'S LOTS OF FOOD!
BUT HOW ARE WE GOIN' TO GET IT, HOPPER?
WE'LL SHOW YOU.. FOLLOW US!
THE ICE MAY BE TOO THIN TO HOLD US!
I'M NOT SCARED, GENO!
BUT, BOSO! IT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE!
COME ON, GENO! THESE FERNS ARE SWELL!
GENO'S TOO SCARED TO COME!
THE ICE IS CRACKING!
BOSO! COME BACK!


OH-H!
HA! HA! YOU LOOK SO FUNNY!
I DON'T THINK IT'S VERY FUNNY, GENO.
HE'LL CATCH HIS DEATH OF COLD!
YOU'D BETTER RUN AROUND, BOSO, AND GET WARM!
I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE, GENO! YOU KNEW THAT WOULD HAPPEN!
GUESS WE WERE TO BLAME!
THE WATER WASN'T STIFF ENOUGH!

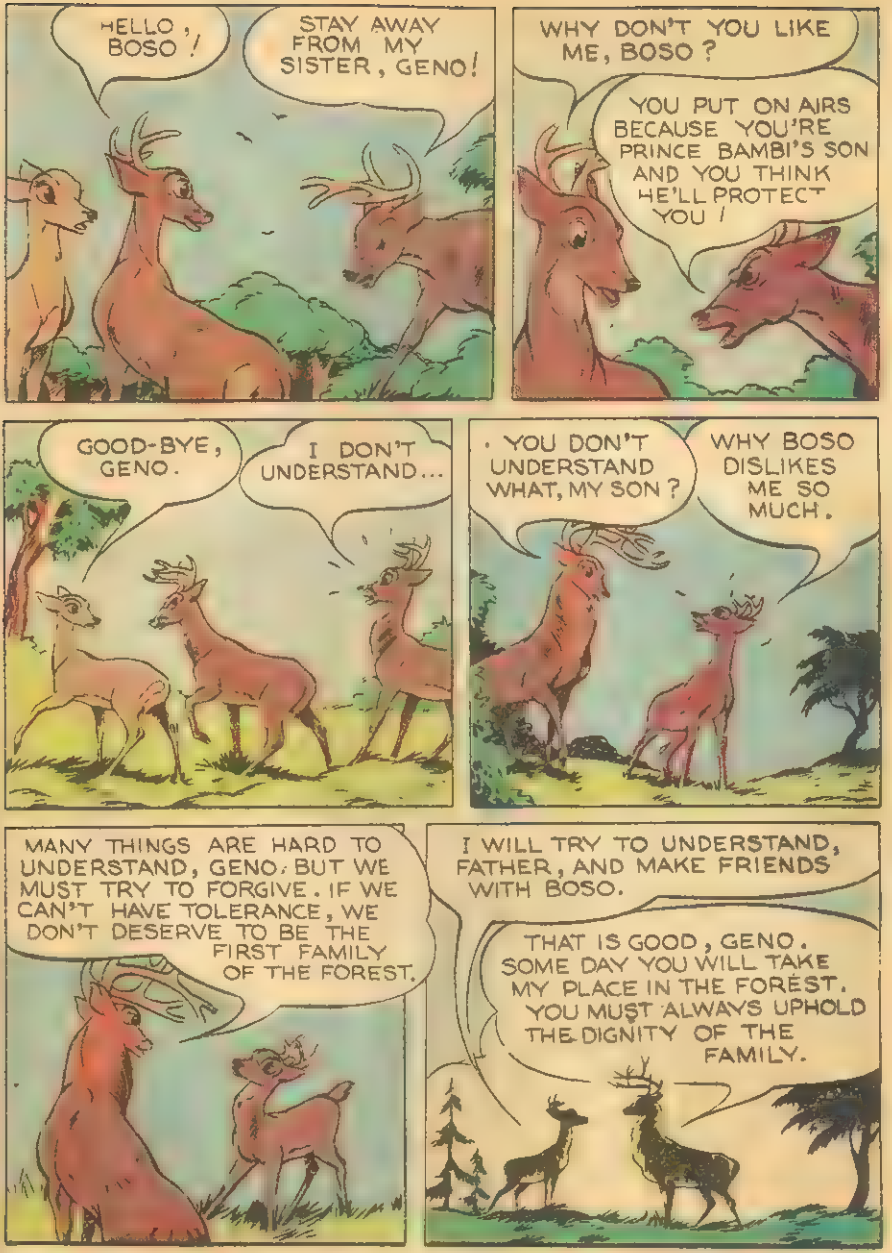
WINTER HELD THE FOREST IN ITS ICY GRIP.
HOW MUCH LONGER IS THIS BLIZZARD GONNA KEEP UP, FRIEND OWL ?
IT'LL BLOW ITSELF OUT, THUMPER. EVERY WINTER SEEMS HARDER THAN THE LAST
I DON'T THINK I LIKE SNOW AS MUCH AS I USED TO !
ME, TOO !
WISH IT WUZ SUMMER !
DON'T WORRY, BUTTERCUP. SPRING WILL COME AGAIN !
I'M GETTING AWFUL HUNGRY, MOTHER !
WHY DOESN'T FATHER COME TO SEE US ?
HE WILL COME WHEN WE NEED HIM MOST, GENO !

LATER - WHEN THE STORM ENDS, LANA AND BOSO VENTURE FORTH IN THE SNOW. SUDDENLY, IN STARTLED FEAR, THEY SNIFF THE DREAD SCENT OF MAN.
MAN IS COMING, LANA!
QUICK, BOSO, WE MUST TELL FALINE!
RUN, FALINE! MAN IS COMING!
WHERE CAN WE GO, MOTHER? THERE IS NO COVER!
WE MUST GO FARTHER INTO THE FOREST! MAN IS AN ENEMY TO BE FEARED MORE THAN WINTER!
FALINE! DON'T RUN AWAY!
BUT, BAMBI, MAN IS COMING!
THIS TIME MAN COMES AGAIN AS OUR FRIEND! FOLLOW ME!

MAN HAS BROUGHT US FOOD!
EATS!
HURRY, EVERYBODY!
FOOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WAIT FOR ME, PAPA!
WISH I WUZ A BIRD SO'S I COULD FLY!
YES, SIR! MAN IS A MIGHTY STRANGE CREATURE!

CHAPTER FIVE
FINALLY WINTER PASSED AND SPRING CAME TO THE FOREST.
I'M GLAD THAT OL' SNOW'S GONE! THIS YOUNG CLOVER TASTES SWELL!
I'M SURE MAKIN' UP FOR LOST TIME! LOOK HOW MUCH I'VE EATEN!
DON'T OVEREAT, PATTER! YOU'LL GET A PAIN!
I'VE ALREADY GOT A PAIN, PAPA.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE GREEDY, PATTER! REMEMBER WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER SAID.
"REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS WHEN YOU FEED; TO EAT TOO MUCH IS A SIGN OF GREED...
"...BUT IT'S HARD TO TELL HOW MUCH YOU NEED."
OUR FATHER MADE UP THAT LAST LINE, HIMSELF!
W.SH I WUZ A POET SO'S I COULD MAKE UP LINES LIKE THAT!

HELLO, FRIEND OWL!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T FALINE AND HER FAMILY! MY, HOW GENO HAS GROWN!
LOOK! HE'S GROWING ANTLERS, FRIEND OWL!
HE'LL BE A CREDIT TO PRINCE BAMBI!
I'M GOING TO FIND LANA!
GENO!
HELLO, LANA!
I HARDLY RECOGNIZED YOU, GENO. YOU'VE GROWN SO SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU.

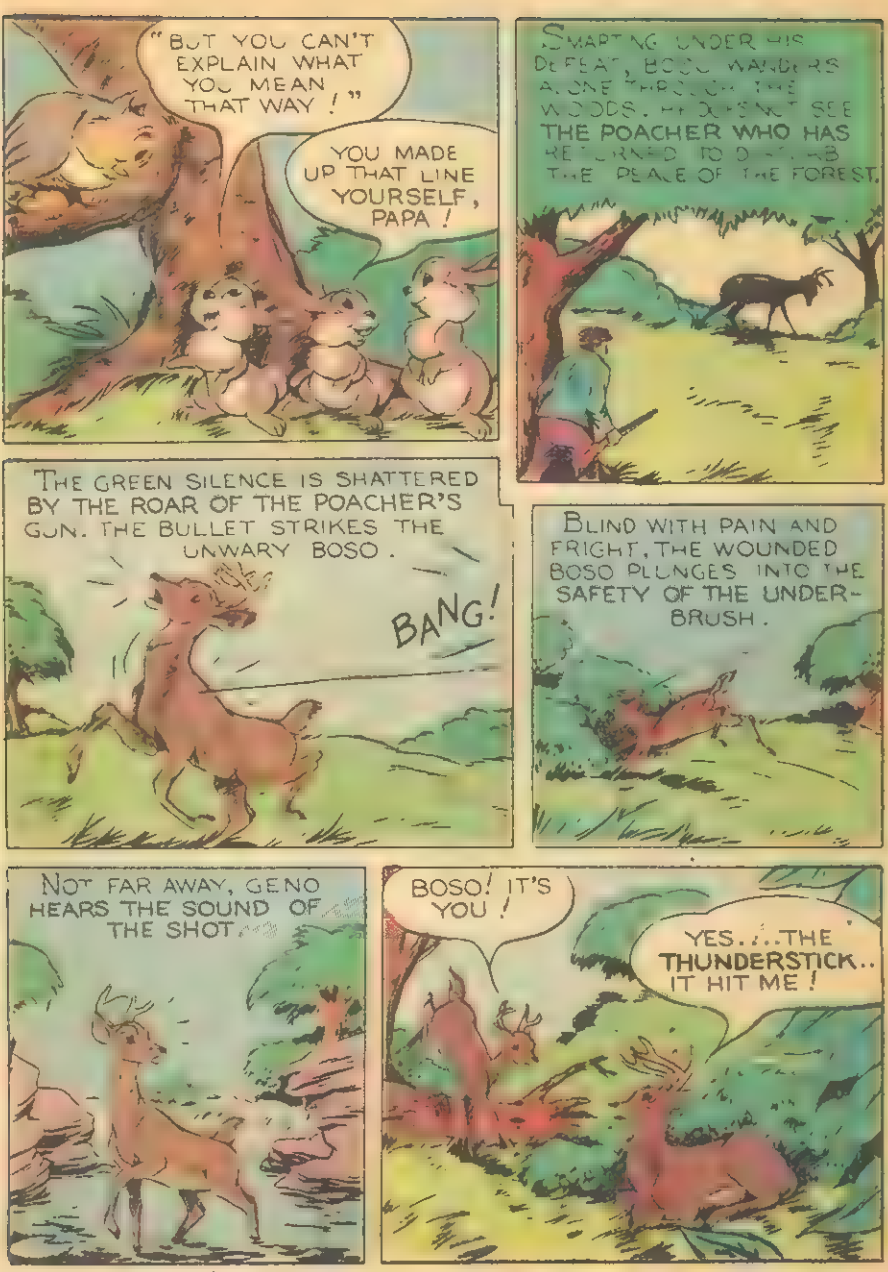

HELLO, BOSO!
STAY AWAY FROM MY SISTER, GENO!
WHY DON'T YOU LIKE ME, BOSO?
YOU PUT ON AIRS BECAUSE YOU'RE PRINCE BAMBI'S SON AND YOU THINK HE'LL PROTECT YOU!
GOOD-BYE, GENO.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT, MY SON?
WHY BOSO DISLIKES ME SO MUCH.
MANY THINGS ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, GENO; BUT WE MUST TRY TO FORGIVE. IF WE CAN'T HAVE TOLERANCE, WE DON'T DESERVE TO BE THE FIRST FAMILY OF THE FOREST.
I WILL TRY TO UNDERSTAND, FATHER, AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH BOSO.
THAT IS GOOD, GENO. SOME DAY YOU WILL TAKE MY PLACE IN THE FOREST. YOU MUST ALWAYS UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF THE FAMILY.

THOUGHTFULLY GENO ROAMS THE WOODS, SEARCHING FOR LANA AND BOSO.
I WILL FIND BOSO AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM.
HELLO! HAVE YOU SEEN LANA AND BOSO?
YES. THEY'RE OVER THERE BEYOND THOSE BUSHES.
I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM LANA... AND FROM ME, GENO!
LET'S BE FRIENDS, BOSO!
FRIENDS, BAH! EITHER GO AWAY OR STAY AND FIGHT!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, BOSO!
GET READY! I'M COMING!
COWARD! YOU'RE AFRAID TO FIGHT ME!

BOSO'S A BIG BULLY!....WHY WOULDN'T GENO FIGHT HIM ?
I DUNNO MUST BE SOME REASON.
GENO ISN'T A COWARD, IS HE ?
OF COURSE NOT! HE'S PRINCE BAMBI'S SON, ISN'T HE ?
THE NEWS THAT GENO REFUSED TO FIGHT BOSO SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THE FOREST
BUT, FRIEND OWL, WHY SHOULD I FIGHT BOSO ?
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP PEACE AND TO UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF YOUR NAME, GENO!
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY, FRIEND OWL.
I WISH I WUZ A DEER WITH ANTLERS, SO'S I COULD FIGHT HIM !

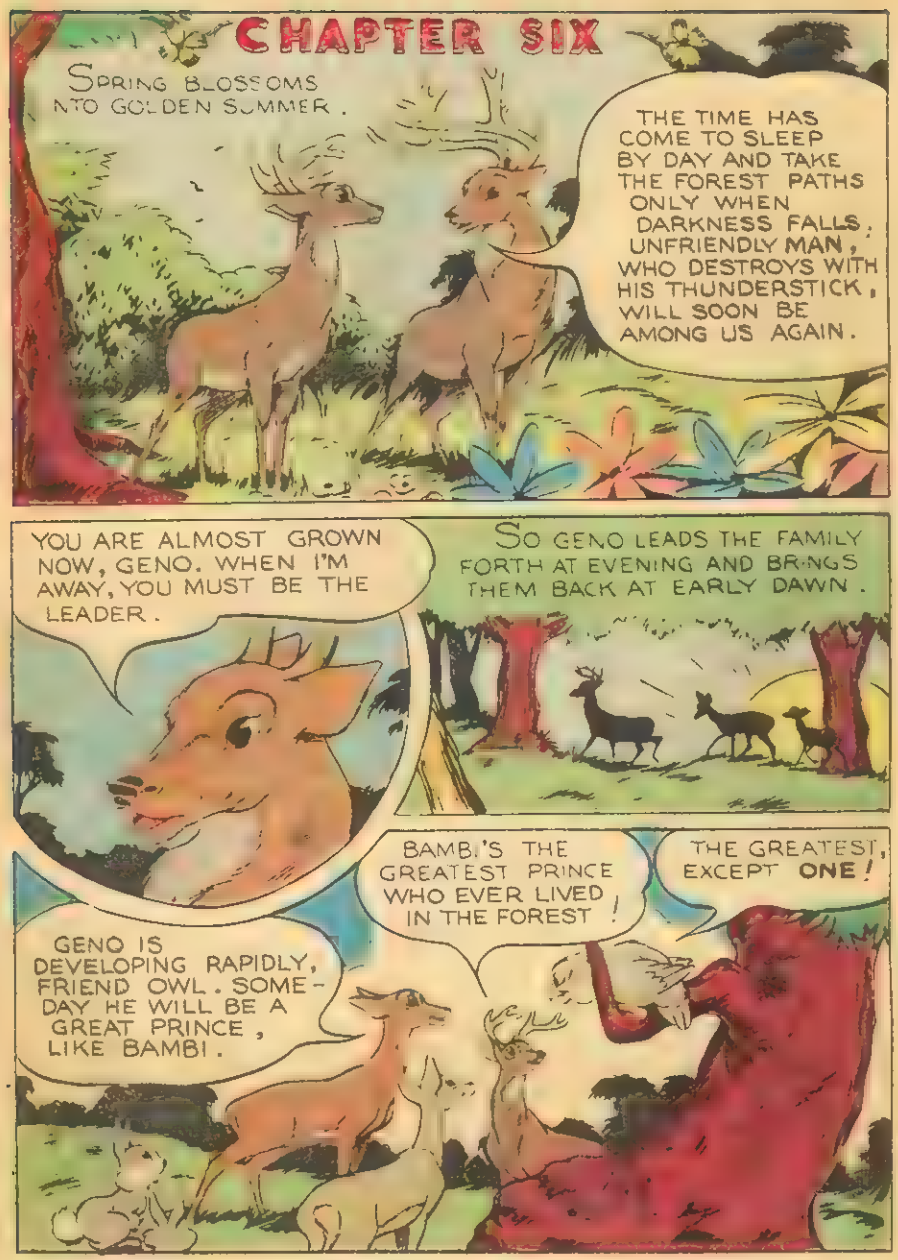
DAY AFTER DAY GENO WALKS ALONE THROUGH THE FOREST. ONE MORNING HE SEES LANA.
HELLO, LANA. IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO, GENO. BUT WHAT IF BOSO SHOULD COME ALONG?
WE HURRIED TO WARN YOU, GENO!
BOSO'S COMING THIS WAY!
LET HIM COME!
SO YOU'RE BACK AGAIN! THIS TIME I WONT LET YOU RUN AWAY!
THIS TIME I INTEND TO STAY.
LOOK OUT FOR YOURSELF, THEN!
IN THE SILENCE OF THE GREAT FOREST, GENO AND BOSO
FINALLY, THE VICTORIOUS GENO LIFTS BOSO OFF HIS FEET AND HURLS HIM BACKWARD TO THE GROUND

WE'VE HAD OUR FIGHT, BOSO. NOW LET'S BE FRIENDS.
I'M SORRY THAT BOSO TAKES HIS DEFEAT SO HARD, GENO.
I AM, TOO. I HAD HOPED WE COULD BE FRIENDS.
I SAW EVERYTHING, AND I AM PROUD OF YOU, MY SON!
HOPPER AND PATTER HURRY TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT GENO'S VICTORY.
GENO'S A WONDERFUL FIGHTER.
HE'S AS BRAVE AS... AS PRINCE BAMBI!
GENO CHARGED BOSO LIKE THIS.....
OO-OF!
YOU MUSTN'T GET SO EXCITED, HOPPER. REMEMBER WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER SAID
YES, I KNOW. "SAY QUIETLY WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, AND DON'T SHOW OFF WITH ROUGH DISPLAY!

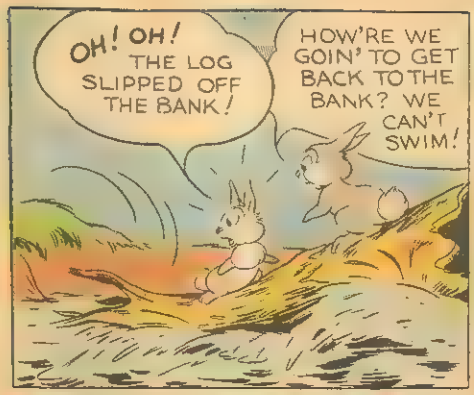

"BUT YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN WHAT YOU MEAN THAT WAY!"
YOU MADE UP THAT LINE YOURSELF, PAPA!
SMARTING UNDER HIS DEFEAT, BOSO WANDERS ALONE THROUGH THE WOODS. HE DOESN'T SEE THE POACHER WHO HAS RETURNED TO DISTURB THE PEACE OF THE FOREST.
THE GREEN SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY THE ROAR OF THE POACHER'S GUN. THE BULLET STRIKES THE UNWARY BOSO.
BANG!
BLIND WITH PAIN AND FRIGHT, THE WOUNDED BOSO PLUNGES INTO THE SAFETY OF THE UNDER-BRUSH.
NOT FAR AWAY, GENO HEARS THE SOUND OF THE SHOT.
BOSO! IT'S YOU!
YES...THE THUNDERSTICK.. IT HIT ME!

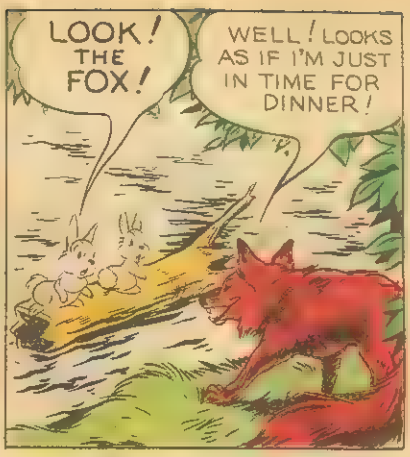
YOU MUST GET UP! MAN WILL FIND YOU HERE!
I CAN'T MOVE! GO, GENO, WHILE YOU ARE SAFE!
I WONT LEAVE YOU! COME, BOSO! TRY TO WALK! YOU MUST!
I'LL... TRY...
SAVE YOURSELF, GENO! RUN BEFORE MAN FINDS YOU!
WE WILL GO TOGETHER. FOLLOW ME.
KEEP GOING, BOSO! IT ISN'T MUCH FARTHER.
GENO! AND BOSO!
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, BOSO!

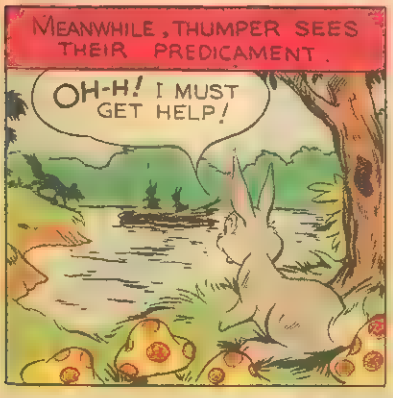
GO AND BRING LANA, GURRI!
FATHER!
YOU ARE A REAL PRINCE, MY SON! YOU RISKED YOUR OWN LIFE TO HELP A FRIEND!
THEY SAY GENO SAVED BOSO FROM MAN!
GENO'S AWFULLY BRAVE, ISN'T HE?
I WISH I WUZ BIG SO'S I COULD BE BRAVE, TOO!
I'M SORRY FOR THE WAY I ACTED, GENO IS IT TOO LATE TO BE FRIENDS?
OF COURSE IT ISN'T. WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS NOW. BOSO


CHAPTER SIX
SPRING BLOSSOMS INTO GOLDEN SUMMER.
THE TIME HAS COME TO SLEEP BY DAY AND TAKE THE FOREST PATHS ONLY WHEN DARKNESS FALLS. UNFRIENDLY MAN, WHO DESTROYS WITH HIS THUNDERSTICK, WILL SOON BE AMONG US AGAIN.
YOU ARE ALMOST GROWN NOW, GENO. WHEN I'M AWAY, YOU MUST BE THE LEADER.
SO GENO LEADS THE FAMILY FORTH AT EVENING AND BRINGS THEM BACK AT EARLY DAWN.
BAMBI'S THE GREATEST PRINCE WHO EVER LIVED IN THE FOREST!
THE GREATEST, EXCEPT ONE!
GENO IS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY, FRIEND OWL. SOMEDAY HE WILL BE A GREAT PRINCE, LIKE BAMBI.

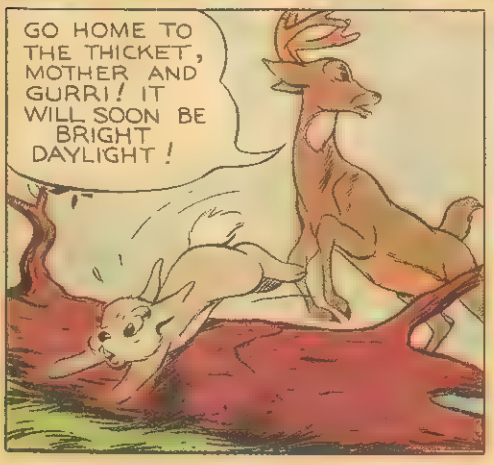
WHO WAS EVER GREATER THAN FATHER?
I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME, GENO. BUT HIS FAME LIVES ON. HE ATTACKED AND OVERTHREW MAN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHEN FATHER WENT INTO MAN'S CLEARING TO FIND GURRI, HE DID THE GREATEST THING THAT WAS EVER DONE.
BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER PRINCE WHO ATTACKED MAN IN SINGLE COMBAT AND BESTED HIM.
IS THAT TRUE, MOTHER?
I HAVE HEARD OF THE STORY, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER IT IS TRUE.
COME, CHILDREN. IT IS ALMOST FULL DAYLIGHT. WE MUST SLEEP.
I KNOW FATHER'S THE GREATEST PRINCE THAT EVER LIVED.
AT DAWN ONE MORNING, HOPPER AND PATTER SCAMPER AWAY FROM THE OTHERS.
NOW THAT GENO'S GROWING UP, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO PLAY WITH US ANYMORE.
LOOK AT ALL THOSE JUICY FERNS OUT THERE, PATTER!
WE CAN REACH 'EM FROM THAT OLD LOG!

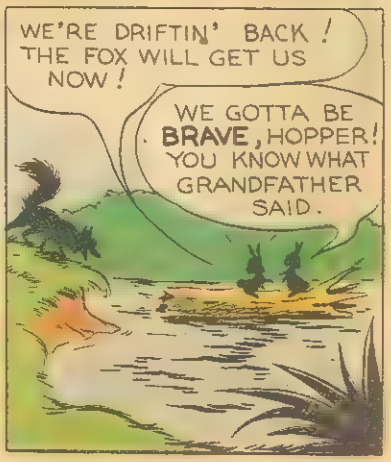

OH! OH! THE LOG SLIPPED OFF THE BANK!
HOW'RE WE GOIN' TO GET BACK TO THE BANK? WE CAN'T SWIM!

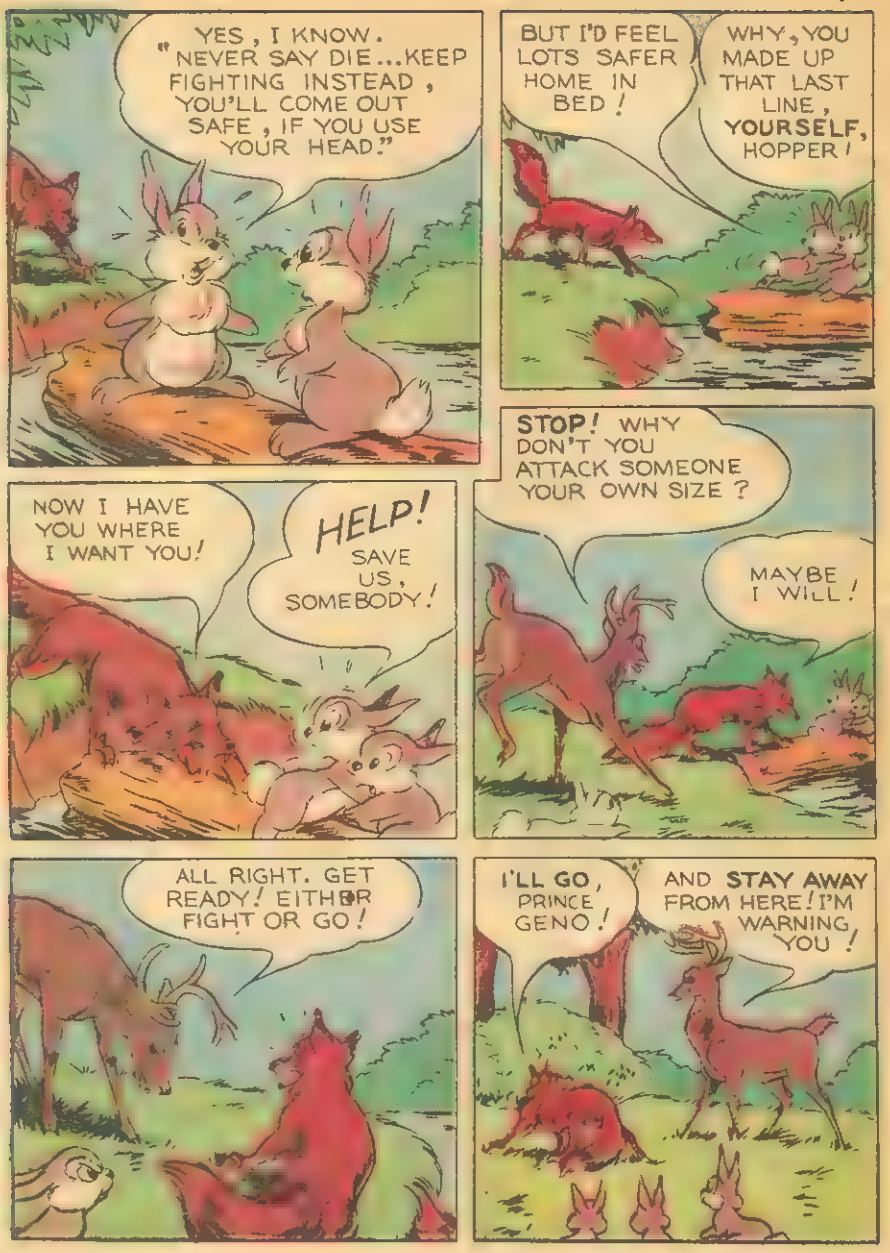

LOOK! THE FOX!
WELL! LOOKS AS IF I'M JUST IN TIME FOR DINNER!

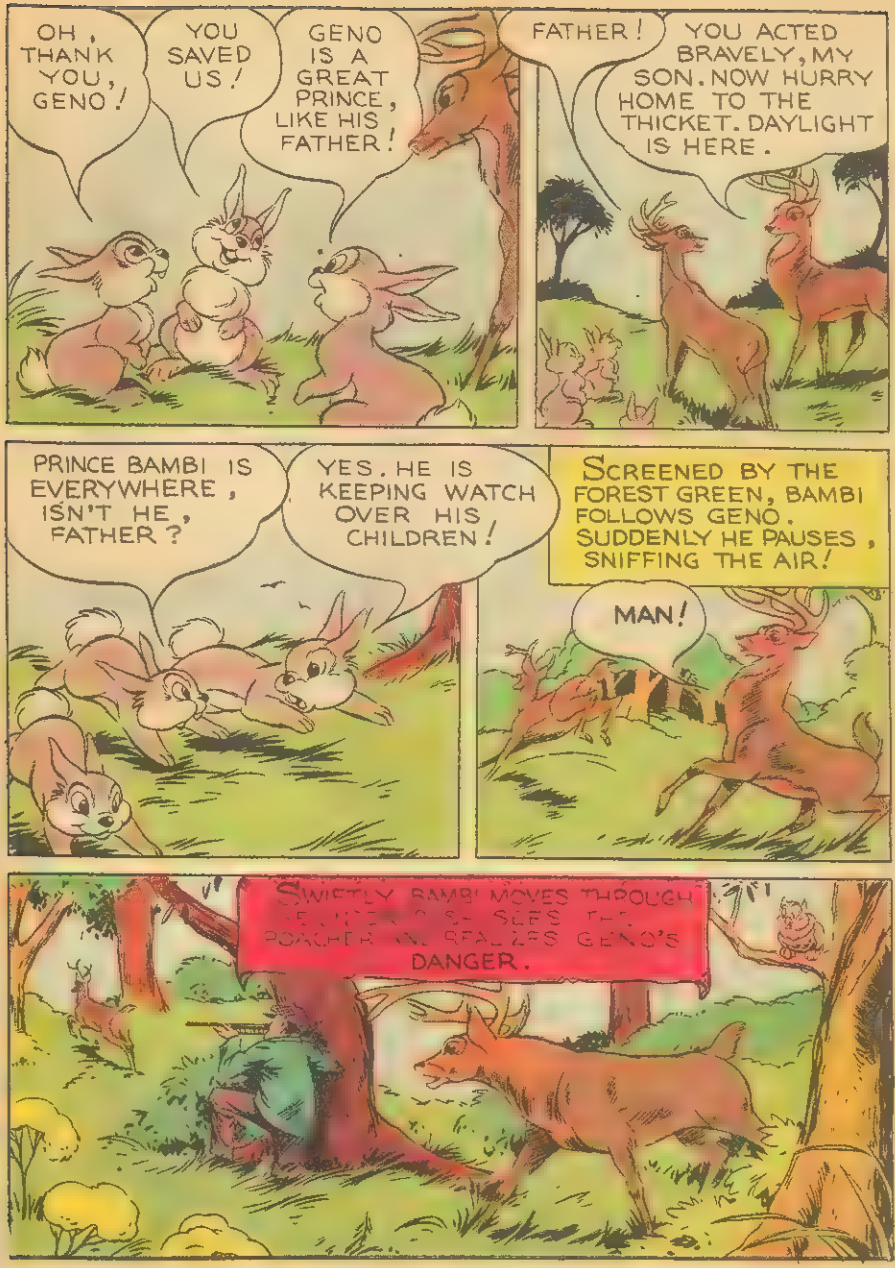

MEANWHILE, THUMPER SEES THEIR PREDICAMENT.
OH-H! I MUST GET HELP!

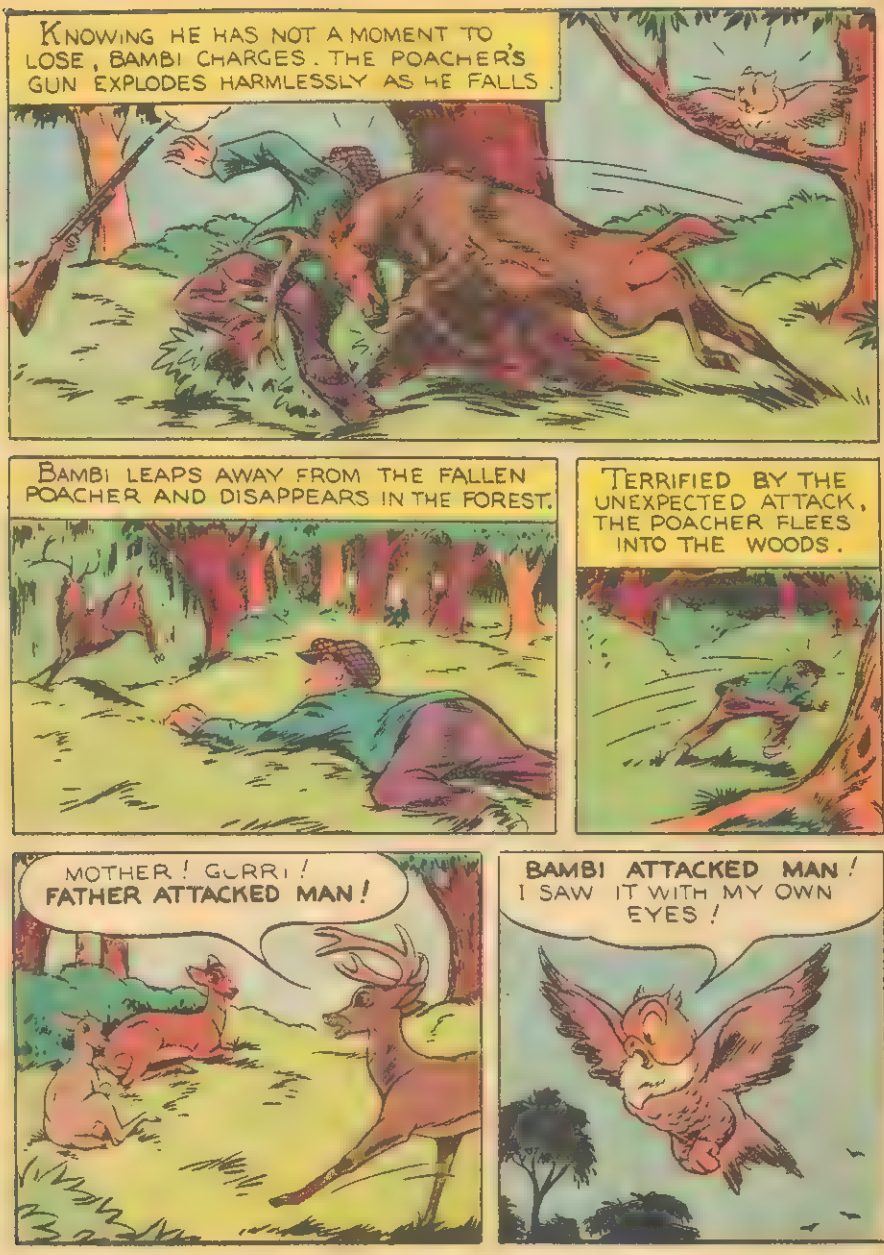
GENO, COME QUICKLY! SAVE HOPPER AND PATTER FROM THE FOX!


GO HOME TO THE THICKET, MOTHER AND GURRI! IT WILL SOON BE BRIGHT DAYLIGHT!


WE'RE DRIFTIN' BACK! THE FOX WILL GET US NOW!
WE GOTTA BE BRAVE, HOPPER! YOU KNOW WHAT GRANDFATHER SAID.

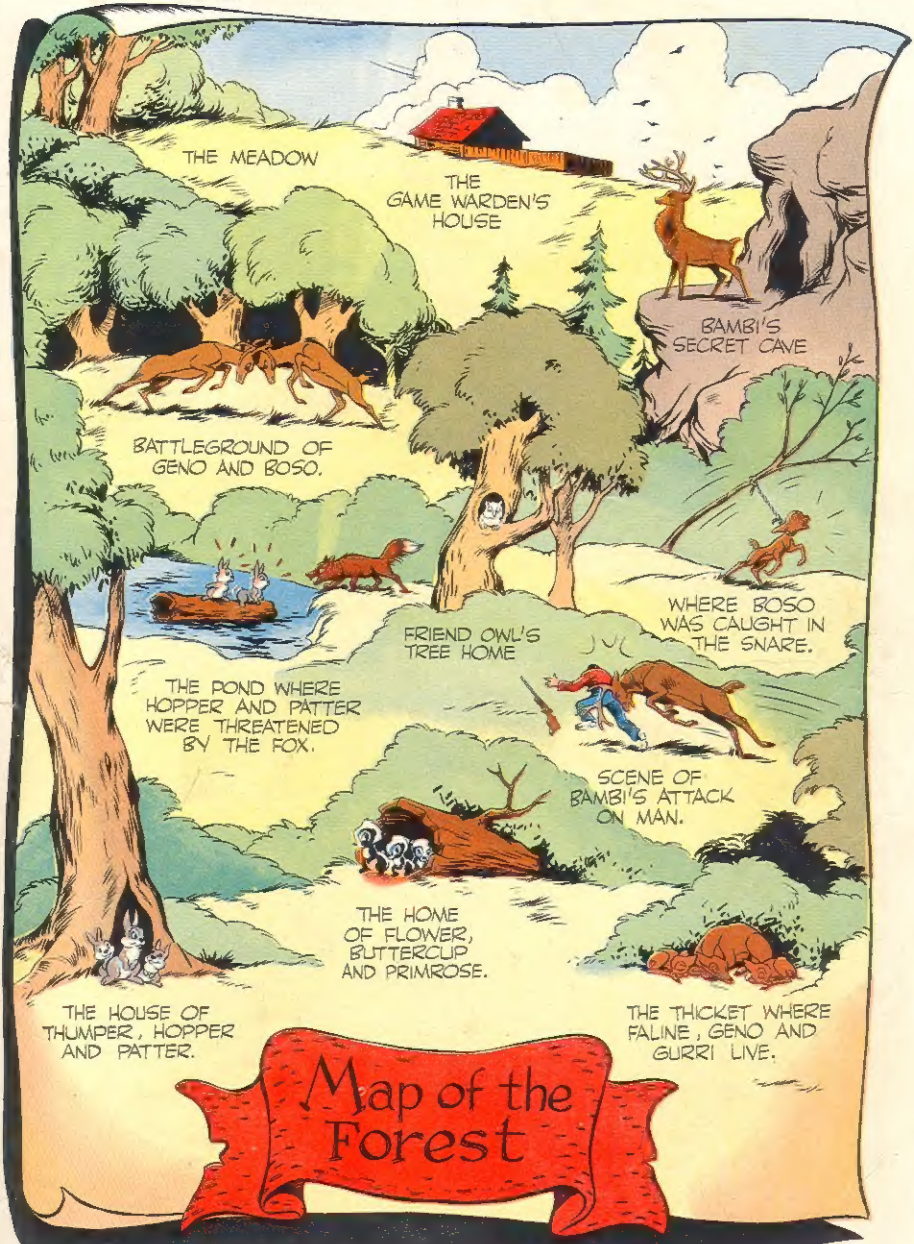

YES, I KNOW. "NEVER SAY DIE...KEEP FIGHTING INSTEAD, YOU'LL COME OUT SAFE, IF YOU USE YOUR HEAD."
BUT I'D FEEL LOTS SAFER HOME IN BED!
WHY, YOU MADE UP THAT LAST LINE, YOURSELF, HOPPER!
NOW I HAVE YOU WHERE I WANT YOU!
HELP! SAVE US, SOMEBODY!
STOP! WHY DON'T YOU ATTACK SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?
MAYBE I WILL!
ALL RIGHT. GET READY! EITHER FIGHT OR GO!
I'LL GO, PRINCE GENO!
AND STAY AWAY FROM HERE! I'M WARNING YOU!


OH, THANK YOU, GENO!
YOU SAVED US!
GENO IS A GREAT PRINCE, LIKE HIS FATHER!
FATHER! YOU ACTED BRAVELY, MY SON. NOW HURRY HOME TO THE THICKET. DAYLIGHT IS HERE.
PRINCE BAMBI IS EVERYWHERE, ISN'T HE, FATHER?
YES. HE IS KEEPING WATCH OVER HIS CHILDREN!
SCREENED BY THE FOREST GREEN, BAMBI FOLLOWS GENO. SUDDENLY HE PAUSES, SNIFFING THE AIR!
MAN!
SWIFTLY BAMBI MOVES THROUGH
DANGER.


KNOWING HE HAS NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE, BAMBI CHARGES. THE POACHER'S GUN EXPLODES HARMLESSLY AS HE FALLS.
BAMBI LEAPS AWAY FROM THE FALLEN POACHER AND DISAPPEARS IN THE FOREST.
TERRIFIED BY THE UNEXPECTED ATTACK, THE POACHER FLEES INTO THE WOODS.
MOTHER! GURRI! FATHER ATTACKED MAN!
BAMBI ATTACKED MAN! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

BAMBI IS THE GREATEST PRINCE WHO EVER LIVED IN THE FOREST! HE ATTACKED AND OVERTHREW MAN!
THEN BAMBI MADE THE STORY COME TRUE!
HE DID IT TO SAVE ME!
BAMBI IS THE BRAVEST PRINCE THE FOREST HAS EVER KNOWN!
GENO'S BRAVE, TOO!
I WISH I WUZ BIG AND BRAVE, LIKE PRINCE BAMBI AND GENO!

A FEW DAYS LATER, BAMBI APPEARS IN THE THICKET.
THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THE CHILDREN MUST LEAVE YOU, FALINE, AND GO ALONE IN THE FOREST.
MUST IT BE SO SOON, BAMBI?
YES. THEY ARE ALMOST GROWN. YOU REMEMBER HOW EAGERLY WE WANTED OUR INDEPENDENCE WHEN WE WERE THEIR AGE?
YES. I REMEMBER.
MY TASK IS FINISHED, CHILDREN. YOU ARE STRONG AND BRAVE. FROM NOW ON, YOU MUST BE FREE TO LIVE YOUR OWN LIVES.
FATHER, WILL YOU TEACH ME THE LORE OF THE FOREST... HOW TO BE A SHADOW MOVING THROUGH IT AS YOU DO...?
YES, MY SON. WHEN NIGHT FALLS WE WILL BEGIN.
THEY ARE **GOOD CHILDREN**, BAMBI. THEY WILL MAKE US **PROUD** OF THEM.
YES. AND WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER, FALINE.


THE MEADOW
THE GAME WARDEN'S HOUSE
BAMBI'S SECRET CAVE
BATTLEGROUND OF GENO AND BOSO.
WHERE BOSO WAS CAUGHT IN THE SNARE.
FRIEND OWL'S TREE HOME
THE POND WHERE HOPPER AND PATTER WERE THREATENED BY THE FOX.
SCENE OF BAMBI'S ATTACK ON MAN.
THE HOME OF FLOWER, BUTTERCUP AND PRIMROSE.
THE HOUSE OF THUMPER, HOPPER AND PATTER.
THE THICKET WHERE FALINE, GENO AND GURRI LIVE.
Map of the Forest